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SUBJECT: MARCH 17 NAC CONSULTATION ON EASTERN EUROPE

REF: A. USNATO 1111 B. STATE 044686

1. AT MARCH 4 NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING, TINE (FRANCE) INQUIRED ABOUT ALLIED PLANS REGARDING PARTICIPATION BY EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS AT MARCH 17 NAC ON EASTERN EUROPE. HE REPORTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES VIEWED FAVORABLY THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING A SENIOR OFFICIAL FROM PARIS, AND INDICATED THAT FRENCH REP MIGHT BE QUAI DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. STRESSING THAT NO FINAL DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN IN THIS MATTER, TINE COMMENTED THAT FRENCH PARTICIPATION WOULD DEPEND ON REPRESENTATION BY OTHER ALLIES.

2. LAGACOS (GREECE) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SEND A EXPERT (WE UNDERSTAND IT WILL BE THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR USSR/EE AT THE MFA). SCHUURMANS (BELGIUM) STATED THAT BELGIUM WOULD ALSO SEND AN EXPERT.

3. UK DELEGATION HAS INFORMED US PRIVATELY THAT, IN CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW OF FRENCH POSITION, IT WAS RECOMMENDING TO LONDON THAT HMG SEND A SENIOR OFFICIAL. BRITISH HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WHETHER WASHINGTON WOULD NOW SEND A REPRESENTATIVE. IN ADDITION, ITALIAN DEL HAS INQUIRED ABOUT US INTENTIONS AND NOTED THAT ITALIAN DECISION ON REPRESENTATION WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY VIEWS OF MAJOR ALLIES.

4. COMMENT: FRENCH EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN THIS CONSULTATION IS OF COURSE CONSISTENT WITH PAST EMPHASIS

FRANCE HAS PLACED ON EAST EUROPEAN SUBJECTS IN NATO.
THEIR QUALIFIED EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO SEND
A SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR THIS CONSULTATION HAS STIM-
ULATED OTHER DELS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY. IN THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES, WE THINK THAT PARICIPATION BY AN APPRO-
PRIATE OFFICIAL FROM WASHINGTON WOULD BE WELCOMED BY
ALLIES, WOULD ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF THE CONSULTATION,
AS WELL AS UNDERLINE THE CONTINUED US COMMITMENT TO
THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS AT NATO. END COMMENT.

5. ACTION REQUEST: EARLY GUIDANCE.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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